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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

This communication is a response to a non-final Office Action dated September 10, 2003 and provides a listing of claims that has each claim marked with its current status and proposed amendments, if any. It also provides two replacement figures that the applicants believe will assist in a better understanding of their invention by a reader, as well as corresponding amendments to the Specification for those replacement figures. The response further shows the language that the applicants propose for addition to their claims and Specification marked with underlining, and text that the applicants would like to have deleted from their claims and Specification shown with 'strike-through' markings. The applicants believe that no new matter has been added as a result of the proposed amendments herein to their claims and Specification, or the two replacement figures.